



Title: **Air Force Medical Affirmative Claims (MAC)**

Session: **W-1-1100**



Objectives

- What Is MAC?
- Responsibilities
- Key HSI Areas
- Training Medical Staff on Program
- Creating Bills
- Elements of a Successful MAC Program
- Legal Reorganization
- Immediate Future of MAC



What Is MAC?

- Program Outlined in DoD 6010.15, AFI 41-114, AFI 41-115, AFI 41-120, and AFI 51-502, *Personnel and Government Recovery Claims* (primarily SJA responsibility)
- Dollars recouped from liability insurance for retirees, family members, and AD who receive treatment at government expense as a result of injury (includes food poisoning) or illness sustained as a result of an injury
 - Dollars for MTF treatment deposited directly into MTF O&M-separate from TPC/MSA (sales code 94)
 - Civilian medical care costs deposited into General Treasury unless MTF pays for care



What Is MAC? (Cont'd)

- Types of Tort Insurance billed
 - Automobile
 - No-fault and/or personal injury protection (PIP)
 - Boat and airplane
 - Products and/or manufacturers'
 - Premises
 - General casualty (slip/fall) or umbrella (covers a variety of personal properties)
 - Homeowners' and/or renters'
 - Medical malpractice (other than Federal)



Responsibilities: You and SJA

- SG and SJA have an MOA for all stateside MTFs
- Overseas bases need to have a written MOA between MTF and SJA that outlines notification, preparation, and follow-up procedures
- MTF provides updated fund cite to SJA at FY start
- MTF identifies all injuries to base SJA using the AF 1488, *Daily Log of Patients Treated for Injuries*
 - Other options may be MAJCOM or base safety form (still needs to be transferred by MAC Clerk to 1488) or electronic trauma log
- SJA determines if injury and subsequent treatment represents a potential recoverable claim and pursues payment pursuant to Federal Medical Care Recovery Act



Responsibilities: You and SJA (Cont'd)

- MTF prepares AF 438, Medical Care-Third Party Liability
- MTF provides billing rates
 - Rates available on UBO Website by locality code
- MTF provides a quick response to all SJA medical record documentation requests/SJA mails claim
- MTF and SJA quarterly reconciliation of open, transferred, and closed claims
- Money will be deposited by the SJA
 - Verification during reconciliation process
 - Ensure accounting system accurately records deposits



Key HSI Areas

- Make sure that all quarterly reconciliations are documented
 - If a region or local legal office will not comply they need to see all documentation between Legal and MTF
- Inspectors like to see the completed 1488s, however they also are aware of the MAC Enhancement Tool
 - Learn how to print this out and keep it with the 1488s to verify that all injuries are being logged



2011 HSI Changes

- Staff Judge Advocate Regionalization Plan, if applicable
 - MTF followed AFMOA/SGAR and Medical Cost Recovery Program policy guidance
- The MAC clerk established procedures and complied with the MAC notification procedures, preparation, and follow-up for AF Form 438, *Medical Care - Third Party Liability Notification*, and the quarterly reconciliation process
- Internal procedures were developed outlining clinical service coordination, tracking of civilian medical care paid for by the government, and establishing appropriate procedures for closing cases
- A quarterly reconciliation of submitted claims (CONUS) was accomplished with the Regional Recovery Judge Advocate, discrepancies corrected, and a report forwarded to the MTF/CC



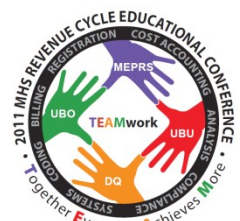
Training

- You are responsible for ensuring that all clinic personnel are properly trained regarding the identification of potential MAC cases
- Set up a training plan to include:
 - Regularly scheduled training sessions at least quarterly to include providers, nurses, technicians, records clerk, and administration staff
 - Initial training for all incoming personnel
 - This area is part of HSI



How to Create Bills

- No standard system available
- Air Force is working on a universal billing system for MAC
- Billing methods currently available are:
 - Submit bills to SJA on AF Form 438
 - If this is working for your MT,F then continue with this process
 - TPOCS Read-only access and manually complete billing forms on typewriter or other system
 - UB-04
 - CMS 1500



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How to Have a Successful Program

- Cooperative relationship between legal and medical staff
- Timely identification/notification of possible MAC cases
- Process organized and understood throughout the facility
- Audit procedures (at least monthly)
 - With legal staff (open/closed MAC cases)
 - With medical staff (to ensure clinics are catching potential MAC cases)
- Training medical staff/clinics on MAC



MAC Enhancement Tool

- Understand the MAC Enhancement Tool
 - CHCS administrator must issue security keys
 - Fields/functionality
 - Injury/Accident-related indicator
 - Date/Place of Injury/Accident
 - Injury cases codes
 - Identify possible liability cases
 - Capture, store, and link specific clinical data/medical codes related to injury and accident information
 - Ability to generate reports



Menu Path MAC Enhancement Tool (Cont'd)

- This should be looked at weekly and put on a 1488 and then sent to Legal for review
 - Each clinic needs to know how to use this, but recommend that they either use 1488 OR MAC Enhancement Tool
 - When an appointment is booked, an automatic question will pop up “Is this related to an accident?” It is defaulted to “NO,” so the clinic will have to change to “YES”
 - Menu Path:
 - ADM Ambulatory Data Module
 - Ambulatory Data Reports >2
 - MAC Medical Affirmative Claims SVS Reports
 - If you do NOT have access to ADM you will need to see your CHCS manager



MCRP Regions

- **REGION 1 - McGuire AFB, NJ**

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- **REGION 2 - Langley AFB, VA**

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- **REGION 3 - Eglin AFB, FL**

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- **REGION 4 - Wright-Patterson AFB, OH**

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- **REGION 5 - Lackland AFB, TX**

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- **REGION 6 - Offutt AFB, NE**

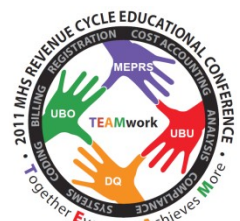
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- **REGION 7 - Nellis AFB, NV**

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- **REGION 8 - Travis AFB, CA**

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MCRP Regions





Immediate Future of MAC

- Air Staff is working on universal tracking and billing system
- MTFs need to scan or fax all claim packages to their regional office (encrypted)
- MTFs need to keep track of cases at Legal
 - E-mail AFMOA UBO for generalized Excel sheet
 - Accounting system information used to pay Legal



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Guidance Documents

- **AFI 41-114, Medical Health Service System Matrix**
 - Determines eligibility and appropriate charges for health care
- **AFI 41-115, Authorized Health Care and Health Care Benefits in the Military Health Services System (MHSS)**
 - Determines eligibility for health care, health care benefits, and extent of care that the AF authorizes (Civilian Employees)
- **AFI 41-120, Medical Resource Management Operations**
 - Guidelines for RM or UBO Flight commanders in MTFs
- **DoD 6010.15, Military Treatment Facility Uniform Business Office Manual**
 - Guidelines for operations of MTF business offices. Prescribes procedures and accounting systems for management of accounts and TPC activities
- **AFI 51-502, Personnel and Government Recovery Claims**



Websites

- **<http://www.tricare.mil/ocfo/mcfs/ubo/index.cfm>**
 - UBO Website
- **<http://www.dtic.mil/comptroller/ratesindex2002.html>**
 - Rates



Q&A

Questions?

